



**THE CURUBA, FAVORITE FRUIT OF THE COLOMBIANS.**

(*Passiflora mollissima* (H. B. K.) Bailey, S. P. I. No. 51399.)

In Bogota, capital of the Republic of Colombia, no fruit is more popular than the curuba. Usually it is prepared for eating in the form of a "sorbetes," or sherbet. The pulp is put through a sieve to remove the numerous seeds and is then mixed with milk and sugar. Like many other passifloras, the plant is of value as an ornamental; it is a vigorous climber with attractive foliage and beautiful deep-pink flowers 3 inches in diameter. It is sufficiently hardy for cultivation in California, where it has been planted occasionally, but where its fruit has never been appreciated, probably because the proper way of eating it was not known. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Bogota, Colombia, September 19, 1920; P18056FS.)